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Police Board—

The regular meeting of the police commission will occur next Tuesday night, and Martin Ford, who arrived home yesterday, is expected to remain to attend.

More Cottages—

It is said that there is a chance of the Hammond Company erecting 40 cottages this Spring. The company expects to about double its capacity and therefore will need more room for its employees.

By Carbolic Acid—

Annie Arnet, a woman of the lower end of town, more familiarly known as "Russian Annie," last night drank a large quantity of carbolic acid and died in a few minutes. She has relatives in this community. No particular cause for the deed is known.

Bond Street Improvement—

L. Lebeck, who has the contract for improving Bond street between 11th and 12th by pipe contract, expects to commence work Tuesday morning, and not later than Wednesday. The work will be commenced at the Fisher corner.

Off On a Vacation—

Giles B. Johnson, the popular general agent for the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company, will leave tomorrow morning for a month's vacation at his old home in Dowagiac, Michigan. His many friends in Astoria will wish him abundant and deserved pleasure during the outing.

Woman Is Hurt—

The woman employed as the cook for the Meserve camp over at Gray's river broke one of her legs in an accident yesterday and last night she was brought over to this city and taken to St. Mary's. Her name was not learned. It seems a buggy in which she was being driven to the camp turned over and threw the occupants out.

After Basketball Games—

Thorburn Ross, manager of the Astoria High School basketball team, has received several telegrams from different towns who would like to secure games here in the early part of March. The High School boys have been working hard and should put up a good game, it is thought.

Redeemed His Property—

Alex Johnson paid the sum of \$54 to the city auditor yesterday for the purpose of redeeming a lot that had been taken by the city for an unpaid assessment. The lot is numbered 37, block 2, in Taylor's addition. The original assessment against the property, for the Columbia avenue improvement, was \$40, and the penalty and interest increased this to the \$54. Like Mr. Johnson, many others drop into the city auditor's office occasionally and redeem property.

Sailor Hurt—

Fred Brinker, a sailor on the steam schooner Saginaw, narrowly escaped serious injury or death yesterday. One of the booms fell, grazing the left side of his head and tearing off the ear. His shoulder was also badly bruised. Had he been struck squarely on the head he probably would have been killed. The man was taken to St. Mary's for treatment.

Why Juror Held Out—

The one juror who held out against his 11 companions for 10 hours in the "steer" case, in circuit court Friday, yesterday explained to some of his friends why he had persisted in clinging to his opinion. He said that to have given a verdict for the plaintiff would, in his estimation, have been equivalent to finding the defendant guilty of the crime of stealing the steer.

Will Close Tomorrow—

In conformity with the new closing law as applied to salmon fishing on the Columbia, the big cold storage plant of S. Schmidt & Company, of this city, will close down at high noon tomorrow and remain closed until the first day of May. As soon as he can arrange matters and the weather settles a bit fair, C. Schmidt intends to take his family to California for an outing and a needed rest.

A Pleasant Party—

A surprise party was given to Mrs. Edward Engbreiten by the members of the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Lutheran church last night at the church. Mrs. Engbreiten is the president of the organization, and as today is her birthday the society thought it fitting to give her a sort of surprise party. About 40 were present and all enjoyed the evening very much. There was music and refreshments, and Mrs. Engbreiten was remembered with an appropriate gift.

A Busy Saturday—

Yesterday was one of the busiest Saturdays that Astoria has had in several months. The streets were filled with shoppers all day long, and last night again the downtown thoroughfares were crowded. A large number of loggers was in the city also, and if the storekeepers did not have a good day it must have been for some other reason than lack of people. The lack of rain was probably one factor in bringing out the crowds.

Has Not Thought Of It—

For sometime past there has been a ready and steady rumor that Dr. J. A. Fulton, of this city, intended to leave Astoria and make his home in the metropolis, and the Morning Astorian has been besieged with inquiries on this score. Last evening for the purpose of settling the matter fully and finally, the doctor was asked by a reporter for a plain statement in the premise, and he stated:

his attitude in the following terse and direct terms: "I have never even thought of leaving Astoria for Portland nor anywhere else; nor can I conceive where the idea started. You may say for me that there is absolutely nothing in the rumor." It has arisen, probably, in connection with the admitted fact that U. S. Senator Charles W. Fulton expects to remove from here to Portland in the near future, coupled with the fact that Dr. Fulton has himself made some realty investments in that city. The assurance this paper is able to give this morning, is one that will be fully appreciated all over Astoria.

Maccabee Joint Review—

State Commander J. W. Sherwood of Portland has advised the local Tent of Knights of the Maccabees, in this city, of the impending joint review of the State Tents, and he has sent a cordial invitation for all Knights to come to Portland on the 4th of March to meet Supreme Recorder Keeper Sialer and take a hand in the happy task of initiating a bunch of candidates at that time. It is said that many will go from here, and from Hammond, Knappa, Chinook, and other points.

No Bids Made—

The official public sale of confiscated fish nets held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, by Master Fish Warden H. C. McAllister and Deputy Warden Mack, at the cold storage plant of S. Schmidt & Company, while well attended, was barren of results as the figures bid were either too small, or the dearth of bids altogether. At all events the nets, 21 in all, were ordered sent to the office of the Fish Warden at Portland, where another effort will be made to dispose of them under the law.

A Busy Plant—

The Clatsop Mill Company has, during the month of February dispatched 20 cars of sash and doors to the East, aside from about 50 cars of other lumber product. The plant has been exceedingly busy in a quiet way, and some idea may be gained of the activity there, when it is known that yesterday the mills turned out 838 doors and 1300 windows, and this ratio is likely to be increased instead of diminished. This has a good and genuine sound as a business item, and will be appreciated here.

Personnel of Grand Jury—

Perhaps it is not often that a grand jury receives finer praise for work well and conscientiously done than that given the investigating body yesterday by Judge McBride. The wisecracks who figured out in advance how everything was going to happen seem to have been badly fooled this time. It was pointed out that there was a former saloon man on the jury, a bottler and a third man who was confidently looked upon as a "wide-open" town man. It was said that as a matter of fact these three men were among the best on the jury, careful and judicious, but among the most eager to uphold the majesty of the law, and the wisecracks who expected that these men would betray their trust and break their solemn oaths now are keeping silent.

PERSONAL MENTION

Captain and Mrs. Percy Willis of Fort Columbia arrived in the city yesterday afternoon for an over-Sunday stay with friends.

Lieutenants Prentice and Cullen were up from Fort Stevens yesterday greeting friends and enjoying a brief touch of city life.

O. E. Weymouth of San Francisco arrived in the city yesterday on a business trip and is quartered at the Occident.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Renner of Portland are in the city for an over-Sunday visit and are registered at the Occident.

Miss E. La Paul of Portland arrived here yesterday on the noon train. Louis W. Jones, of Oakland, Cal., was in the city yesterday on a business quest.

J. T. Hannigan of Tacoma came here yesterday on matters of business and will spend Sunday at Seaside.

H. Q. Sanderson of Seattle was a business visitor in Astoria yesterday and a guest at the Merwyn.

H. N. Knowlton of Spokane spent the day in Astoria yesterday and was domiciled at the Northern Hotel.

C. B. Angus of The Dalles was among the crowd of people alighting from the noon train here yesterday.

M. G. Dodsworth of Salem was one of the host of tourists reaching this city yesterday.

The Man Who Eats.

The man who eats does so with the expectation of being satisfied. To this end he seeks the best possible place to gratify his normal appetite at most rational expense. These things account for the steady stream of people to and from the portals of the Palace Restaurant in this city. The reputation of the Palace is founded immovably upon the certainty and amplitude of the service it renders to every purse, and appetite, big and little. Open day and night. Commercial streets, opposite the Page building.

HEAVY FINES LAID ON "BLIND PIG" MEN

THE GRAND JURY ADJOURNS AFTER RECEIVING HIGH PRAISE FROM MCBRIDE.

"In the 26 years that I have been coming here," said Judge McBride to the members of the grand jury last evening, "I do not think I have ever known of more strenuous work done by an investigating body than that done by you."

"I wish to compliment you very highly for what you have accomplished. Your work has been well done. The better element of citizens owe you their thanks, and the others can have nothing to say against your labors, for you have only done what was just and right."

"It is necessary that a respect for the laws be taught to the lawless. The fact that of all the indictments returned by you have resulted in pleas of guilt or convictions shows that you did your work very well, that it was well considered, and now since your labors are over, you may consider yourselves discharged."

Half an hour before the grand jury was discharged by Judge McBride last evening, D. Malagamba, for many years one of the well known residents of Uppertown, appeared in court and pleaded guilty to three indictments against him charging him with maintaining a "blind pig." On the first indictment Malagamba was fined \$400, which he paid in cash. On the other two indictments he was fined \$500 on each and sentenced to serve 30 days in jail on each, or a total of \$1000 and 60 days in jail on these two last indictments, but Judge McBride suspended sentence on the last two indictments. Hence Malagamba was let off very lightly, being compelled to pay only \$400 in cash. If he is found selling any more intoxicants in the "blind pig" it will mean that he then will have to pay the \$1000 and serve 60 days in jail, besides any further sentence that may be imposed by the court for the new offense.

Knutte J. Hermunstadt was also hit hard. He pleaded guilty to six indictments, paying \$400 in cash on the first and receiving fines of \$500 on each of the other five and 30 days in jail on the other five, or a total of \$2500 and 150 days in jail on the last five. But as in the Malagamba case, the last five were suspended during good behavior.

It is understood that indictments have also been gotten out against John Hansen, of the John Day district, on charges of running a "blind pig." Hansen is the justice of the peace in his district. If a warrant is out for his arrest, it has not yet been served and yesterday it was stated that he was not to be found. He was in the city the preceding day and said he was preparing to enter a plea.

There is no doubt that the grand jury, the district attorney and Judge McBride have made the "blind pig" squeal.

"I don't think Clatsop county will be troubled with any more 'blind pigs' for a while," said Judge McBride last evening. "It looks now as if the last of them have been put out of business all over the Fifth Judicial District, in Clackamas, Washington, Columbia and Clatsop counties. There are none in the other three counties, and probably there won't be any more here in Clatsop. I didn't want to be too harsh on the prisoners the first time," continued Judge McBride, in commenting on the fact that he had suspended sentence on some of the indictments. "But of course, all those who may be arrested in the future hardly need expect leniency."

The quotations from the remarks of Judge McBride to the grand jury, at the head of this article, perhaps express in substance a part of what he said. He complimented the members of the jury very highly. He called attention to the fact that of the 67 true bills returned, all had been so well considered and so well founded that conviction or plea of guilt had been secured in each case. Later it was remarked by some one that perhaps this is the largest number of indictments ever returned by any grand jury in the State of Oregon during any one term of a court. And as Judge McBride gave praise to the jury, so had they in their report given praise to Mr. Tongue, the prosecuting attorney. There can be little question that much of the credit of the whole work lies with Mr. Tongue, and he has worked with absolute fearlessness, and indefatigably.

In a criminal way, perhaps no other prosecuting attorney has ever made an equally fine record with Mr. Tongue in Clatsop county. Mr. Tongue modestly remarks that he will continue to enforce the laws as long as he continues in office.

The cases against the saloonkeepers were concluded when Louis McDonald and Norris Staples each paid \$40 for violation of the Sunday closing laws.

The magnitude of the work accom-

plished thus far may be seen by the fines collected, or imposed. Including those imposed against the two men yesterday, and against Nyberg, but which were suspended during good behavior, they total \$9550 of which \$3050 has been collected in cash. Following is the final report submitted by the grand jury:

To the Honorable Circuit Court of Clatsop County, State of Oregon. Gentlemen:—We, your grand jurors, duly empaneled and sworn for the February term of the Circuit Court for the County of Clatsop and State of Oregon, for the year 1909, respectfully submit this our final report as follows:

We have visited all the following county officers: Sheriff's Office, Assessor's Office, County Clerk's Office, Treasurer's Office, Hospital for the County Poor, County Surveyor's Office and found all their records systematically kept and the officials very courteous and accommodating; we have inspected the janitor's work in and around the court-house and find the same done in a painstaking manner.

We have the following recommendations to make: First—In view of the fact that the Justice of the Peace of Astoria Precinct is not provided with suitable office rooms, we recommend that two suitable rooms be fitted up for him in the basement at the northeast corner of the court-house and that he be provided with a suitable place in which to keep his office files and records.

Second—That the county court instruct the County Surveyor to have maps in his office showing the different roads in the different road districts of the county and that said maps show the changes in said roads as they occur from year to year said changes to be made and recorded on said maps at the close of each year.

Third—That the County School Superintendent be instructed to purchase a ledger for the purpose of keeping a record of all the school children who pass the eighth grade in the schools of Clatsop County, Oregon, not including the schools of the City of Astoria.

Fourth—That the County Jail is not fit for prisoners and that a new jail be constructed as soon as possible; that a suitable lot for said County Jail be purchased near the court-house; that said jail be a two-story structure with steel and reinforced concrete, and we recommend that a tunnel be made from the jail to the court-house for passing prisoners from the jail to the court-house.

We, the retiring grand jury desire to express our earnest thanks to the District Attorney of the Fifth Judicial District, Mr. E. B. Tongue, and

his efficient assistant, Mr. Howard M. Brownell, and their courteous treatment during our deliberations, and we desire to say that we appreciate Mr. Tongue's efficiency in the able performance of his duties as District Attorney.

We have enquired into and investigated all charges of crime that have been called to our attention, and have returned 76 true bills and one not true bill.

Having now completed our labors, we respectfully beg to be discharged.

C. G. PALMBERG,

Foreman.

F. P. PERKINS,

Clerk.

FRANK NORBERG,

NIELS JENSEN,

NIELS SIMONSEN,

H. F. FISHER,

M. F. BELAN.

CATTLE IN SNOW.

Denver Humane Society Sends Large Amount Of Hay.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Feb. 27.—The local humane society was forced to extend its jurisdiction beyond the city limits today when a herd of cattle belonging to a Denver corporation was discovered blockaded in the snow near Newcastle. The cattle were unable to extricate themselves, and were slowly starving to death. The ranchers were unable to get food to them and the local humane society was requested to use its efforts to alleviate their sufferings. Hay was transported at large expense by the society, and the herd will be saved unless an especially cold snap ensues.

Funeral Notice.

All members of Astoria Lodge, No. 2, U. F. B. of the World are requested to meet at their hall Sunday, February 28 at 1 o'clock p. m. to attend the funeral of our late Bro. Tom Erickson. Chas. Wirkkala, sec. Aug. Jacobson, Pres.

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